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EO 11652: GDS
TAGS: CDES, CI (HORMAN, CHARLES)
SUBJECT: DISPOSITION OF HORMAN REMAINS

1. MILGRP OFFICER WAS APPROACHED BY CHILEAN NAVY COUNTER-INTELLIGENCE OFFICER (LIEUTENANT COMMANDER) ON 13 MARCH IN WHAT PURPORTED TO BE A FRIENDLY CALL. (SOURCE HAS BEEN FRIENDLY IN THE PAST, HAS BEEN ENTERTAINED IN MISSION OFFICER'S HOME AND AT ONE TIME ACTED AS LIAISON BETWEEN U.S. MILITARY GROUP AND NATIONAL DEFENSE STAFF.).

2. IN THE COURSE OF THE CONVERSATION, SOURCE STATED THAT QUOTE NOTHING RIGHT NOW IS OF GREATER IMPORTANCE TO THE GOVERNMENT OF CHILE THAN TOW MISSILES UNQUOTE. MISSION OFFICER EXPRESSED SOME SURPRISE IN THAT SOURCE IS NAVAL OFFICER AND WAS TREATED TO A VERY FORCEFUL EXPOSITION OF THE PERUVIAN TANK THREAT, FOLLOWED BY AN ALMOST PLAINTIVE QUERY OF QUOTE WHAT HAVE YOU GOT AGAINST US? UNQUOTE.

3. MISSION OFFICER THEN DISCUSSED IN GENERAL TERMS TRADITIONAL
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DISTASTE FOR MILITARY DICTATORSHIPS, AND MENTIONED HUMAN RIGHTS

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ISSUE, CITING HORMAN CASE AS EXAMPLE OF PROBLEMS OUTSTANDING. SOURCE EXPRESSED SURPRISE THAT THE CASE HAD NOT BEEN CLOSED, THEN STATED THAT PERHAPS HE COULD PERSONALLY DO HIS BIT ON THAT ONE.

4. HE CALLED FOLLOWING DAY TO SAY HE HAD AUTHORITY TO EFFECT TRANSFER OF THE HORMAN REMAINS TO THE U.S. GOVERNMENT, WOULD PROCEED TO PREPARE THE PAPERWORK AND WOULD TRY TO COMPLETE THE TRANSACTION THIS WEEK. CONSUL IS PREPARED TO ACCEPT TRANSFER IF OPERATION DEVELOPS SATISFACTORILY.

5. COMMENT: WE BELIEVE THIS VISIT WAS MORE THAN CASUAL AND POINTS UP BOTH THE GRAVITY WITH WHICH THE CHILEANS VIEW THEIR LESS THAN FULLY SATISFACTORY RELATIONSHIP WITH THE U.S. AND THE URGENCY THEY FEEL WITH RESPECT TO THEIR PERCEPTION OF PERUVIAN CAPABILITIES AND INTENTIONS AND THEIR OWN MILITARY VULNERABILITY. SOURCE IS RELATIVELY JUNIOR OFFICIAL AND NOT NORMALLY INVOLVED IN EITHER MILITARY PURCHASE NEGOTIATIONS OR AFFAIRS SUCH AS HORMAN CASE, AND IT IS MOST UNLIKELY THAT HE WOULD SO INVOLVE HIMSELF SOLEY ON HIS OWN INITIATIVE.
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